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SIR: I have the honor to submit to you for transmission to Congress the twentieth issue of the Statistical Abstract of the United States. It will be unnecessary to specify the many changes in form or matter by which new tables have been introduced and old statements made more comprehensive. Every effort has been made to secure accuracy and a compact treatment of all matters subject to statistical record by the various divisions of the Government service. Each issue marks the inclusion of new statements, some of which are based upon the labors of specialists not in the service of the Government—labors that have commended themselves by their intelligent purpose and meritorious performance. While conscious of some omissions yet to be made good, I can not but feel that the Abstract compares well with similar issues by other governments.

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